

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A locking device for a dumpster container, said dumpster container being movable between an upright storing position and a tilted dumping position, said locking device comprising:

a main locking device selectively moveable between an engaged position, where said main locking device engages the dumpster container to retain the dumpster container in the upright storing position, and a disengaged position, where said main locking device disengages the dumpster container to permit movement of the dumpster container into the tilted dumping position;

a blocking plate pivotally coupled to said main locking device, said blocking plate being selectively moveable between a blocking position, where said blocking plate prevents said main locking device from moving from said engaged position to said disengaged position, and an unblocking position;

an interconnecting linkage pivotally coupled at a first end to said blocking plate; and

a handle linkage pivotally coupled to said main locking device and a second end of said interconnecting linkage, said handle linkage being selectively moveable to move said blocking plate between said blocking position and said unblocking position.

14. (Original) The locking device according to Claim 13 wherein said unblocking position of said blocking plate occurs prior to an overcenter position.

15. (Original) The locking device according to Claim 13 wherein said handle linkage is angularly shaped such that when said blocking plate is in said unblocking position, a free end of said handle linkage is generally parallel to and adjacent said main locking device.

16. (Original) The locking device according to Claim 13, further comprising:

a handle extension simultaneously engagable with said handle linkage and said main locking device.

17. (Original) The locking device according to Claim 13 wherein said blocking plate is biased into said blocking position in response to gravity.

18. (New) A locking device for a container, said container being movable between an upright storing position and a tilted dumping position, said locking device comprising:

a main locking device selectively moveable between an engaged position, where said main locking device engages the container to retain the container in the upright storing position, and a disengaged position, where said main locking device disengages the container to permit movement of the container into the tilted dumping position;

a plate pivotally mounted on said main locking device, said plate being selectively moveable between a first position, where said plate prevents said main locking device from moving from said engaged position to said disengaged position, and a second position; and

a handle linkage pivotally mounted on said main locking device and said plate, said handle linkage being selectively moveable to move said plate between said first position and said second position.

19. (New) The locking device according to Claim 18 wherein said plate is biased into said first position.

20. (New) The locking device according to Claim 18, further comprising:

an interconnecting linkage pivotally coupled between said handle linkage and said plate.

21. (New) The locking device according to Claim 18 wherein said handle linkage is angularly shaped such that when said plate is in said second position, a free end of said handle linkage is generally parallel to and adjacent said main locking device.

22. (New) The locking device according to Claim 18, further comprising:
a handle extension simultaneously engagable with said handle linkage
and said main locking device.

23. (New) The locking device according to Claim 18 wherein said plate is biased into said first position in response to gravity.

24. (New) A locking device for a container, said container being movable between an upright storing position and a tilted dumping position, said locking device comprising:

a main locking device selectively moveable between an engaged position, where said main locking device engages the container to retain the container in the upright storing position, and a disengaged position, where said main locking device disengages the container to permit movement of the container into the tilted dumping position;

a first plate pivotally coupled to said main locking device, said first plate being selectively moveable between a first position, where said first plate prevents said main locking device from moving from said engaged position to said disengaged position, and an second position;

a first linkage pivotally coupled to said first plate; and

a second linkage pivotally coupled to said main locking device and said first linkage, said second linkage being selectively moveable to move said first plate between said first position and said second position.

25. (New) The locking device according to Claim 24 wherein said second linkage is angularly shaped such that when said first plate is in said second position, a free end of said second linkage is generally parallel to and adjacent said main locking device.

26. (New) The locking device according to Claim 24, further comprising:
a handle extension simultaneously engagable with said second linkage
and said main locking device.
27. (New) The locking device according to Claim 24 wherein said first plate is
biased into said first position in response to gravity.